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## WAR CRY OF SPANISH INSURANCE COMPANY PRETENDER. GROWS APACE.

Don Jaime's Threat to Republicans.

### ALFONSO'S FAILURE.

Paris, Yesterday. A Legitimist bomb has been thrown at the new Spanish regime by the Spanish Pretender, Don Jaime of Bourbon, son of the famous Don Carlos who himself led his supporters in the Carlist War of 1872.

Don Jaime has seized the opportunity afforded by the absence of Alfonso to publish a manifesto calling on all Monarchists to rally to the Legitimist cause and unite in combating Communism.

Don Jaime declares that it is unjust that, "as a result of the failure of a King who did not know how to win the love of his people," the Monarchist movement should end. Don Jaime offers to put himself at the head of all patriots, and declares that he is even ready to shed his blood in the fight against Communism.

### Her Wish Came True.

Ex-King Alfonso's aunt, the octogenarian Infanta Isabella, who, though paralysed, insisted on leaving Madrid because she refused to die in Republican Spain, died in a nursing home at Passy this afternoon. She only arrived in Paris on Monday night. —Reuter.

Earlier News.

Madrid, Yesterday.

The Finance Minister declares that measures against the export of capital have been most successful.

He instances the cases of twenty-nine people who had withdrawn their money from a single establishment and who have now decided to restore it. Similar reports have been received from the provinces.

The Minister of the Interior announces that the Government intends to suppress gambling in Spain, even in the casinos.

The Royal palaces at Seville and Barcelona have been handed over to the respective municipalities.

The War Minister has announced that all officers will be given four days in which to take the oath of fidelity to the Republic.

King's Trial.

Paris, Yesterday.

In an interview with the Madrid correspondent of the paper *Excelsior*, Senor Zamora said it was unlikely Spain would take steps to try Alfonso for his alleged misdeeds. The question would be left to the Constituent Assembly.

Is He King?

London, Yesterday.

"Is he King Alfonso or Mr. Alfonso?" queried a Labour member in the House of Commons when Mr. Clynes stated that no application had been received on King Alfonso's behalf for permission to reside in Britain.

Asked whether a landing visa had been granted to Alfonso, Mr. Clynes replied that so far as he knew Alfonso came to Britain under conditions corresponding with those always prevailing in different countries relating to Royal visits.

In the hubbub due to several members rising simultaneously, Labour cries were heard of "What about Trotzky?" —Reuter.

## KAYE DON RETURNS SPEED DEMON FRESH FROM HIS TRIUMPHS.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The British racing motorist, Kaye Don, was given a great welcome by a large crowd on arriving in London to-day on his return from South America, where he set up a new world speed record in the motor boat Miss England II at Buenos Aires, a few weeks ago. —British Wireless Service.

### COST OF PEACE.

£115,190 PAID TO LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

Rugby, Yesterday.

In a Parliamentary answer to-day the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Arthur Henderson, stated that the British Government's contributions to the League of Nations and the International Labour Office totalled \$107,770 in 1929 and £115,190 last year. —British Wireless Service.

## New Quarters Opened in New York.

### POLICY OF EXPANSION.

The American Insurance Co., of Newark, N.J., have recently taken over new premises in New York on Washington Street, opposite Washington Park.

The building, with its graceful many-storeyed tower, is a landmark visible from numerous points of the city. It was specially erected as headquarters of the company.

The history of the company, which dates back nearly a century, is one of continual growth in strength and influence. For instance, in 1906 the San Francisco earthquake and fire cost the company over \$1,000,000 which was paid promptly and without discount.

The company officials believe it desirable to own and operate a group of companies, securing a wider spread and diversity of risks through a greater agency force. Hence in 1924 the stock of the Columbia Fire Insurance of Dayton, Ohio, was purchased. In 1929 the company purchased the Dixie Fire Insurance Company of Greensboro, N.C., and the Bankers' Indemnity Company of Newark.

## EXTRALITY PARLEY PROCEEDING.

### But An Agreement Not Imminent.

#### FINAL INSTRUCTIONS?

London, Yesterday. The British Foreign Office is ignorant of reports from China with regard to an imminent agreement between Sir Miles Lampson and Dr. Wang, on the subject of extrality.

All that is known here is that the discussions are proceeding. —Nanking, Yesterday.

The Nationalists' hope for a final settlement with the British Government on the question of extrality abolition is centred in a conference this afternoon at four o'clock between Dr. C. T. Wang, the Foreign Minister, and Sir Miles Lampson, the British Minister in Peking.

Three important officials of the Nanking Foreign Ministry participated at the meeting. It is understood that the final British Government instructions on extrality negotiations were received by Sir Miles Lampson this morning, but details of the British decision and the result of to-day's conference are being kept a secret by the Foreign Ministry.

Dr. Wang indicates that a second conference with Sir Miles Lampson has been scheduled for next week.

It is understood that the Sino-Norwegian extrality agreement was signed at 3.30 this afternoon by Dr. C. T. Wang and the Norwegian Minister, Mr. Aubert.

The Sino-Dutch extrality agreement is being signed this evening by Dr. Wang and Heer Oudendijk.

Details of the agreements have not been made public. —Reuter.

## HUNGER STRIKE.

### JAPANESE WORKERS LOCKED IN GODOWN.

Tokyo, Yesterday. Since Tuesday, 200 workers in the Japan Dyeing and Weaving Co. have been on a hunger strike, demanding reinstatement of one of their discharged comrades.

The strikers have locked themselves in a godown, neither working nor eating, although the management and sympathisers have taken food to them.

Two hundred women working in the same factory have started a "go slow" strike in sympathy. —Reuter.

## EXPEDITION SENT TO MADEIRA.

### Minister Repugnant to Shed Blood.

#### "ACCUSTOMED TO OBEY."

Lisbon, Yesterday. Captain Magalhaes Correia, Minister of Marine, sailed with the remainder of the expedition to Madeira early this morning.

Correia, who is in command of the naval and military forces, said he hoped that he would be spared the necessity of shedding the blood of his fellow countrymen, but he was a soldier accustomed to obey orders and to have orders obeyed.

Gibraltar, Yesterday. The British cruiser Curlew has sailed westward. It is not revealed where her destination is, but it is believed that she is relieving the cruiser London at Madeira. —Reuter.

## AUSTRALIA'S DEBTS TO BRITAIN.

### Bill to Amend Bank Act of Commonwealth.

#### TO LIMIT NOTE ISSUE.

Canberra, Yesterday. The House of Representatives passed by 19 votes to 17 the second reading of the Government's Bill to amend the Commonwealth Bank Act, requiring the Bank to hand the Federal Treasurer all the gold necessary to meet the Commonwealth's indebtedness to London. The measure replaces the statutory provision for 25 per cent. gold reserve by limiting the issue of Australian notes to £60,000. —Reuter.

## CHINESE ART.

### EXHIBITION TO BE HELD IN NOVEMBER.

#### MISSIONARY WORK.

The Victoria Diocesan and Missionary Association wish to announce that they will be holding a Chinese Exhibition on Thursday, and Saturday, November 5, 6 and 7 this year.

A committee has been formed with Mrs. E. D. C. Wolfe as chairman to proceed with the organisation of the exhibition. It is not possible, at present, to give a detailed account of the various attractions of the exhibition but the intention of the organisers is to make it both comprehensive and representative. There will be included, a display of Chinese Art of various kinds; booths where crafts may be seen at work making various articles; stalls where their finished work may be purchased; tableaux illustrating Chinese customs and many other interesting attractions.

The Objects. The objects of the exhibition are:

1.—To foster interest in Chinese Arts and Crafts and to help towards mutual friendship.

2.—To exhibit aspects of Christian Work in South China and to demonstrate the value of missionary effort.

3.—To raise funds for work in the Diocese of Victoria.

## MONKEY TRICKS.

### SOLDIER BITTEN BY A PET.

Tokyo, Yesterday. A brown monkey owned by Private J. Hinbury, R.E., has been sent to Kennedy Town for observation. It is stated to have bitten Sergeant Jones on the right hand when the latter was playing with it at Wellington Barracks.

Sergeant Jones was treated at the Military Hospital.

## FLIGHT TO ROME.

### CAPT. HAWKS FLIES BACK TO BRITAIN.

Tokyo, Yesterday.

Captain Frank Hawks, who yesterday attempted to fly from Talihok while flying to Sasebo, three out of sixteen naval seaplanes were forced down on the water this afternoon.

Two of the machines were picked up by steamers, but one is still missing. —British Wireless Service.

## THRILLING RESCUES AT SEA.

### Smart Work by P. & O. Liner.

#### SURVIVORS HERE.

Lisbon, Yesterday. Thrilling stories have come to hand this morning of the rescue, under adverse conditions of the survivors of the s.s. Hwah Yang, which was wrecked off Wanchow on April 22.

Great tribute is being paid to the officers and crew of the P. & O. steamer Rajputana (Capt. H. M. Jacks) who took off the ill-fated crew and passengers at about 11 a.m. on Wednesday.

The rescued people were landed at the Kowloon Wharf this morning, the only European among them being the master, Captain Sokoloff.

The First Intimation.

The Rajputana first received intimation of the disaster by a wireless message at 10 a.m. on April 22, and immediately proceeded to the scene. On arrival all that could be seen of the wreck were the tops of two masts. The survivors were gathered on an adjacent rock.

Orders were immediately given for a motor boat and two life-

## PLAN TO REPLACE CUSTOMS PACT.

### Scheme for Vast World Agreement.

#### CONCERTED ACTION.

Prague, Yesterday. An ambitious "All European" scheme, whereby the proposed Austro-German Customs Union might be replaced by a vast international agreement on agricultural and industrial questions, was outlined in the House of Commons to-night. After the Prime Minister had stated the business for next week, Mr. Stanley Baldwin drew attention to the departure from the usual formula—"consideration of the Budget resolutions" and to the Premier's words, "business arising out of the statement."

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald said: "Something may arise out of the statement which will require action by the House, but I assure the House that it need not be at all alarmed about it." Presad further he took refuge humorously in the Parliamentary tradition of "not anticipating the Budget statement."

The Budget speeches will be the first public appearance of Mr. Snowden since his recent severe illness. —British Wireless Service.

## TAIWAN BEACH NO MORE.

### Doom Seen in Official Notice.

#### A RECLAMATION SCHEME.

A notice to mariners issued by the Harbour Master and posted at the Harbour Office seems to indicate that in spite of the protest which has been voiced by residents, there is no hope of Government reconsidering its decision to dispose of the Taiwan bathing beach.

The notice is as follows:

A reclamation involving the construction of a sea wall will shortly be commenced off Taiwan. The southern end will be marked by a white light situated about 125 yards from the shore."

## A POOR EXCUSE.

### CHINESE WHO DID NOT KNOW THE CUSTOMS.

#### REVENUE CASES.

Pleading guilty before Mr. Williams this morning to having failed to pay duty on a quantity of tobacco, a Chinese-stated that although he had been in Hong Kong for a long while he had not learned the customs.

Revenue Officer W. G. Humphreys said that the tobacco was concealed in a parcel of cakes, which defendant carried as he came off the Wing Lok Wharf. A fine of \$25 or, in default, three weeks' jail was imposed.

In another case, a Chinese woman was fined \$7 or ten days' imprisonment for failing to pay duty on two bottles of wine, which, as stated by R. O. Humphreys, were concealed in a specially-constructed girdle. The woman was arrested on the Ping On Wharf.

## SHANGHAI MESSAGE.

Shanghai, Yesterday.

The s.s. Hwah Yang, a Chinese-owned steamer of Shanghai, flying the Chinese flag, stranded off Wanchow and founded to-day.

There were 114 passengers and crew, the latter Chinese, and all were rescued by a British steamer which was on a voyage to Hong Kong. —Reuter.

[The Hwah Yang is a steamer of 1,027 net tonnage, constructed in 1883 by Messrs. D. and W. Henderson and Co. Glasgow. It is owned by the South China Steamship Co., Ltd., Shanghai.]

Inspector E. Bloom returned from Home leave yesterday on the P. & O. Comorin, and has assumed the duties of Divisional Inspector at Central Police Station.

We understand that Inspector K. Andrew will act in Inspector Shannon's capacity in the C.I.D., whilst Inspector J. E. Booker is relieving Inspector Andrew in charge of waterfront duties. Det-Sergt. C. Mottram will act in Det.-A.S.I. Whant's position in the Passports' Office.

## ST. GEORGE'S DAY.

### SERVICE MEN'S CONCERT IN LEE THEATRE.

#### GRATUIT SUCCESS.

St. George's Day celebrations concluded last night with a Service men's concert in the Lee Theatre at Wan Chai. Several well-known artists contributed to the programme, which was greatly appreciated by the crowded house.

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During the interval the President of St. George's Society, Mr. E. C. Cock



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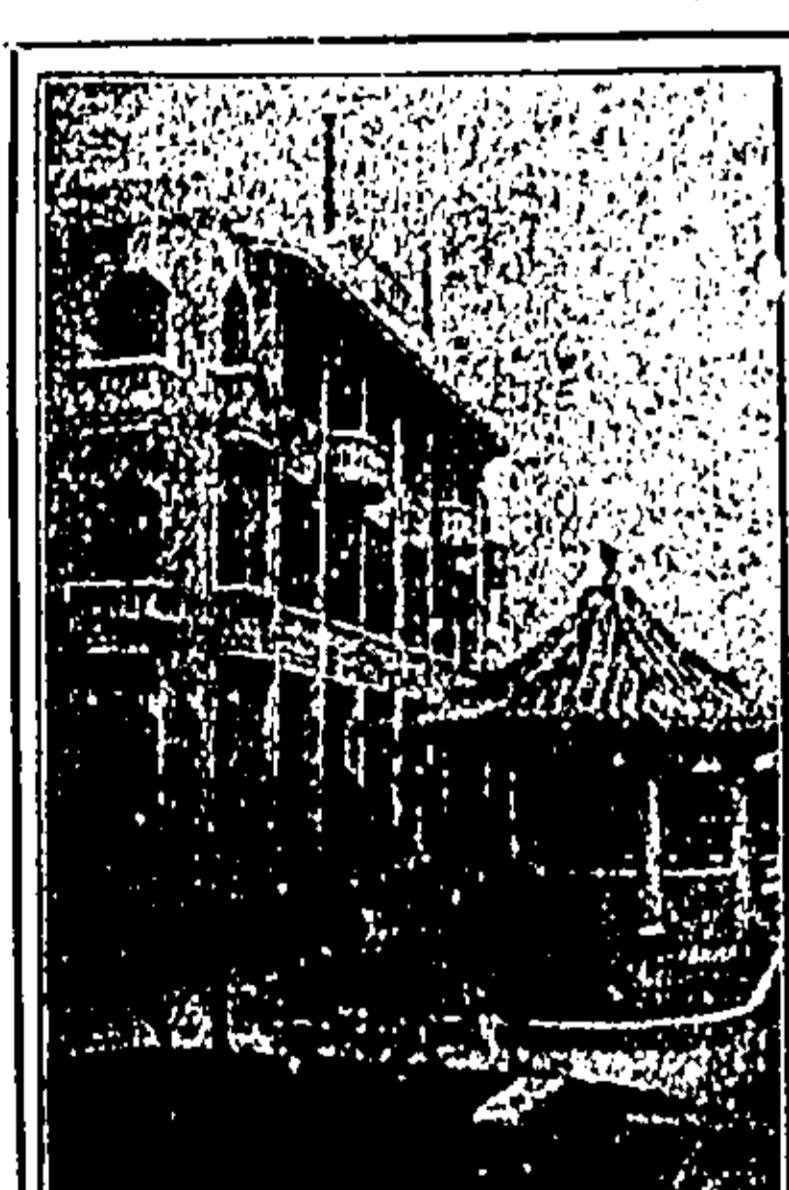
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TUESDAY, April 28, 1931,  
commencing at 10.30 a.m.,  
at No. 89, Humphrey's Building  
(Kowloon).

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WEDNESDAY, April 29, 1931,  
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And now, as world trade is slowly tending to unbend all such reduced costs in production will aid many houses who have fought the slump with capital reserves.

## A WITCH'S PREDICTION.

Strange Death of A  
Centenarian.

At Kriva Palanka, on the Bulgarian frontier, Dode Milenkovich, the oldest man in the district, celebrated his 110th birthday one day last October. He was interviewed by journalists, photographed, and then told them that a witch had long ago predicted that he would die on Shrovetide in the year 1931. Turning to the company who were assembled to do him honour he declared: "The gentleman has come to take my likeness. Nothing else remains."

When Shrovetide came Dode's health remained as good as ever; nevertheless he rose especially early, prayed, and put on a new shirt. He then summoned the whole of his family, numbering about forty persons, kissed them all, and bade them farewell. His sons, grandsons, and their wives smiled at the old man's fancy, but presently he passed away sitting in his chair, and thus fulfilled the witch's prediction.

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7.9 p.m.—European Programme of H.M.V. & Victor Records kindly supplied by Messrs. S. Moutrie & Co.

7.02-7.23 p.m.—Hawaiian Music. Down the River of Golden Dreams, When its Springtime in the Rockies, Hilo Hawaiian Orchestra (22339).

Kane's Blues, Hula Girl, Kane's Hawaian (20701).

Louisiana Lullaby, My Bird of Paradise, His Orchestra (21424).

7.24 p.m.—A Selection of Victor Herbert's Music.

Pan American, Selections from the Rose of Algeria, Victor Salon Orchestra Directed by Nat Shilkret (9003).

a. Yesterthoughts, b. Punchinello, Victor Salon Orchestra Directed by Nat Shilkret (9004).

Selections from Eileen, Victor Salon Group Directed by Nat Shilkret (9004).

Selections from The Only Girl, Victor Salon Group Directed by Nat Shilkret (9005).

a. Fluerette, b. Under the Elms, Victor Salon Orchestra Directed by Nat Shilkret (9006).

Selections from Princess Pat, Victor Salon Group Directed by Nat Shilkret (9006).

c. Land of My Own Romance, Victor Salon Group (9007).

c. Absinthe Frappe, Victor Salon Group (9007).

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8 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report.

8.03-8.41 p.m.—Chamber Music.

Pianoforte Solo—

Impromptu in A Flat (Schubert),

Sarabande (Bach),

Sergei Rachmaninoff (6621).

Violin Solo—

Stellion & Rigaudon (Francoise & Kreisler),

Melodie Arabe (Glazounov & Kochanski),

Sadah Shuchari (4114).

Cello Solo—

Spanish Dance (Grandos & Casals), Pablo Casals (1311).

Pianoforte Solo—

Liebestraum (Kreisler-Rachmaninoff), Sergei Rachmaninoff (1142).

Guitar Solo—

Courante (Bach),

Sonatina in A Major (Torroba), Andres Segovia (1298).

Cello Solo—

Musette (Bach-Pollini), Pablo Casals (1349).

8.41-9 p.m.—Talkie Tunes.

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Down in the dimness of a cellar, that runs under a small antique shop, you will find them—salt-encrusted, storm-battered figure-heads that were, to the old seamen, the embodiment of the spirit of the ships in which they sailed. Most famous of all, perhaps, of these strange heads that were once to be seen at rest in London River was Nanny of the Cutty Sark. Her maker, F. Hellyer, of Blackwall, was one of the leading artists in the trade, and his conception of Burns' witch, "Nanny," her hand reached out in pursuit of Tam o' Shanter, and her long black hair flying in the wind, was one of the most beautiful of its day.

Robert Scrafton was once another frequent visitor to the Surrey Docks: a pompous gentleman, with collar, tie and waistcoat, and coat-tails that flew behind him in the wind. Truly a strange companion for beautiful half-clad mermaids and heathen goddesses.

A better neighbour for Robert would have been the three-masted schooner, Amy, whose figure-head had all the prim demureness of the traditional mid-Victorian governess.

Amy had a lucky squint, as you shall see from this story. Three years ago the schooner was bought by a film company, to provide a thrilling scene for a nautical film. Three times they tried in vain to sink her, but she still most gallantly remained afloat. Old seamen said that the attempt had failed because her figurehead had been removed, making her a haunted ship, and finally the prim little lady, with her flowers and her lucky squint, was put back again. Everything went according to plan — up to a point. The ship caught fire, and the three tons of explosives in her hold did their work — but still she would not sink.

Eventually it took nine rounds of gunfire from a destroyer to put her down, and the figure-head was discovered amongst the floating wreckage, unscathed.

Perhaps the most beautiful of all the clippers of the 'sixties was the Norman Court, which after she was first berthed at Milwall was known as The Queen of the Thames. Her figurehead was a beautifully modelled, nymph-like figure representing one of the owner's beautiful

daughters. Another sea-going beauty was Beatrice, the figure-head of a four-masted Swedish barque of that name, who took part in the Grain Race, with the Grace Harwar (another film star), only two years ago.

But what has become of the old figureheads to-day?

Well, the nymph of the Norman Court looks out to sea from a garden in Anglesey; Amy is the property of the film magnate who tried in vain to sink her; while the head and arms of Nanny were washed away years ago, when the little Cutty Sark was giving gallant answer to the Roaring Forties.

Of Robert, alas, I can find no trace.

The white-washed figure-heads of many little coasting brigs are to be found in the Kensington antique shop, the owner of which is sometimes spoken of as the "Figure-head Queen."

### ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Wednesday, April 22.  
Clara Jebsen, Danish str., 1,445 tons, Capt. J. Davidsen, from Hého, Stonecutters Anchorage.—Chin Seng Hong.

Kasagisan Maru, Japanese str., 1,425 tons, Capt. K. Okitsu, from Miike, Yaumati Anchorage.—M.B.K.

Levant Arrow, American str., 4,960 tons, Captain W. F. Douglas, from Los Angeles, Laichikok Anchorage.—Standard Oil Co.

Oudekerk, Dutch str., 4,911 tons, Captain J. N. Wafelaar, from Manilla, buoy No. A8.—C.J.L.

Ryuho Maru, Japanese str., 1,926 tons, Captain O. Ezawa, from Canton, Yaumati Anchorage.—D.K.K.

Song Bo, French str., 720 tons, Capt. Le Chevalier, from Pak-ho, buoy No. A8.—Sing Kee & Co.

Suzanne, Norwegian str., 1,444 tons, Captain J. Meyer, from Chinwangtso, Laichikok Anchorage.—Dodwell & Co.

Wing Wo, Portuguese str., 495 tons, Captain I. D. de Lemos, from K. C. Wan, Saikong Wharf.—Wo Hop & Co.

Thursday, April 23.  
Bennevis, British str., 3,205 tons, Capt. D. G. Cuthbertson, from Manila, Kowloon Wharf.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

Comorin, British str., 8,788 tons, Capt. C. W. Cartwright, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—M. M. & Co.

Defiance, American str., 4,826 tons, Captain C. A. Olsen, from Manilla, buoy No. A7.—L. Everett, Inc.

Delli Maru, Japanese str., 1,293 tons, Capt. R. Sanada, from Canton, O.S.K. Wharf.—O.S.K.

Fooshing, British str., 1,423 tons, Capt. S. O. Mitford, from Canton, buoy No. B1.—J. M. & Co.

Graye Harbor, American str., 5,442 tons, Capt. John Dyke, from Kobe, buoy No. A11—States S.S. Co.

Haydro, Norwegian str., 713 tons, Captain E. Fingalson, from Shanghai, Yaumati Anchorage.—K. Larsen & Co.

Ichang, British str., 1,223 tons, Captain J. S. Anderson, from Canton, buoy No. A15.—B. & S.

Klungchow, British str., 1,545 tons, Capt. W. J. Larter, from Canton, buoy No. A6.—B. & S.

Konsan Maru, Japanese str., 1,556 tons, Capt. T. Kotake, from Newchwan, Yaumati Anchorage.—D.K.K.

Kwaisang, British str., 1,423 tons, Capt. M. Costello, from Swatow, West Point Wharf.—J. M. & Co.

Lushan Maru, Japanese str., 1,607 tons, Capt. R. Nagayama, from Swatow, buoy No. B24.—N.Y.K.

Shantung, British str., 1,568 tons, Capt. J. S. G. Brown, from Swatow, buoy No. B8.—B. & S.

Taiyuan, British str., 2,100 tons, Capt. R. Robertson, from Canton, buoy No. B14.—B. & S.

— WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:—

Bruce—North wall.

Hermes—In Dock.

Marazion—No. 13 buoy.

Moorhen—North wall.

Odin—East wall.

Osius—North arm.

Oswald—North arm.

Otus—East wall.

Poseidon—North arm.

Sandwich—South wall.

Sir David (on arrival)—West wall.

Somme—South wall.

Foreign Men-of-War.

Adamastor—Portuguese cruiser.

Argus—French gunboat.

Helena—American gunboat.

— STEAMER SAFE.

Tokyo, Yesterday.

The Gensean Maru arrived safely at Paramushiro, in the Kurile Islands, yesterday. Everyone on board is safe.—Reuter.

[The Gensean Maru was chartered by the Soviet to carry 412 Russians and 140 Japanese fishermen from Hakodate to Kamchatka. On the trip she was caught in an ice field on the 14th inst. and was unable to extricate herself. Though her position was precarious it was reported that she was in no immediate danger and provisions on board were plentiful.]

### STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Russia arrived at Yokohama on

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*KEDDERSPORE	5,221	5th May	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
KALYAN	9,144	9th May	Mars., Lyon, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
COMORIN	15,132	23rd May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
BURDWAN	—	30th May	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
ALIPORE	5,273	2nd June	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
KASHMIR	8,985	6th June	Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
RANPUR	16,601	20th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
KASHGAR	2,005	4th July	M'seilles, L'don, R'dam & A'werp.
RAWALPINDI	16,619	18th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
PERIM	7,648	25th July	M'seilles & London.
KRTHYER	9,114	1st Aug.	M'seilles, L'don, R'dam & A'werp.
*SOMATI	—	8th Aug.	M'seilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
RAJPUTANA	16,568	15th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
PADUA	5,499	22nd Aug.	M'seilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
KARMALA	9,138	29th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
CATHAY	15,121	12th Sept.	M'seilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
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	1931.		
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TILAWA	10,006	8th May	Moji, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
KASHMIR	8,985	8th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TANDA	9,350	8th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Y'hama.
RANPURA	16,601	22nd May	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
SANTHIA	7,754	25th May	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TALMA	10,006	4th June	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
EASHGAR	9,495	5th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
ST. ALBANS	4,500	5th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Y'hama.
*PERIM	7,648	10th June	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
TAKADA	9,144	18th June	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
RAWALPINDI	16,619	19th June	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
SOMALI	—	27th June	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
SIRDHANA	7,745	2nd July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
KRTHYER	9,114	3rd July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Y'hama.
NELLORE	6,853	6th July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Y'hama.
TILAWA	10,006	16th July	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
RAJPUTANA	16,586	17th July	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
SANTHIA	7,754	30th July	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
KARMALA	9,128	31st July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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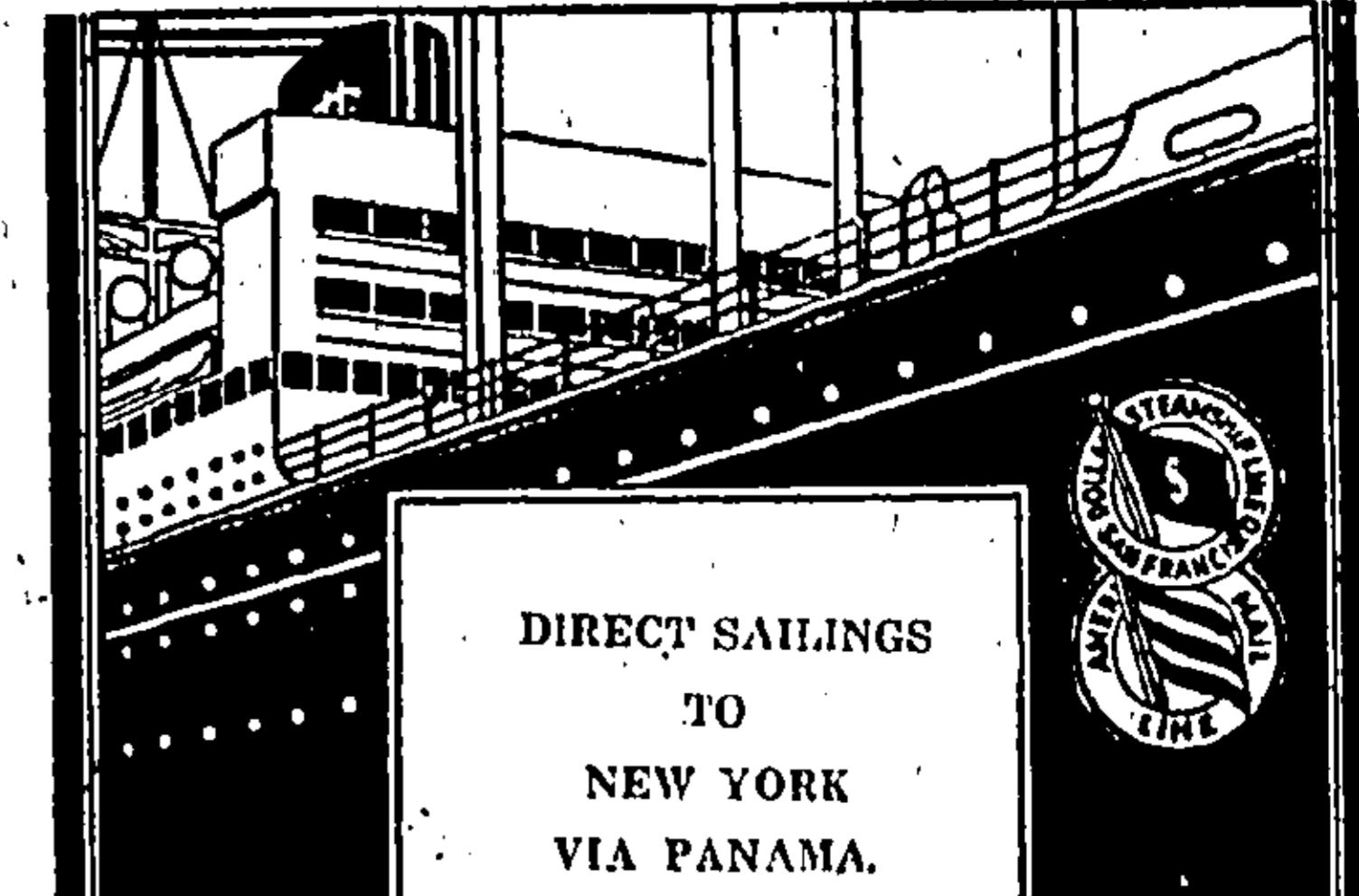
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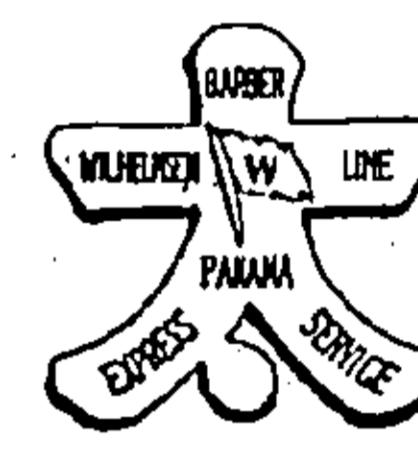
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### OPIUM EVIL.

The League of Nations Opium Commission have submitted important recommendations to headquarters as a result of their extensive examination of the opium-smoking problem in Far Eastern countries more than a year ago, and a perusal of their report is sufficient to convince the reader that the League has taken the question up in a thorough and determined manner, so that the results of their anti-opium campaign should be felt in the Far East within the next few years.

Sincere efforts have been made to combat the opium-smoking habit and the illicit traffic in the drug throughout the Far East. On the whole, however, these efforts have had but few lasting results, owing to the fact that each step taken was isolated and not co-ordinated to any general plan. The opium policy in some countries has had the character of a series of experiments, or a measure has sometimes been adopted in expectation of results that have never materialised from a measure adopted previously. It has proved a bad policy to concentrate on some measures and to ignore others; to combat the illicit traffic but to disregard poppy cultivation, which supplies the traffic; to endeavour to limit the demands for opium but to ignore the causes of that demand; to register smokers but not to ration them; to control the use of opium but not to dress, or to control opium establishments but to allow opium smoking outside them.

Let us remember that the oldest monarchy in the world has to bow to the will of the majority and that its fall has been caused, by men, therefore, let us fight with our mightest instruments, pens! Let us not remain passive! Do not let them crucify us on a cross of silver! Do not forget that everything is at stake and that to allow the speculators to win is equivalent to allow ourselves and posterity to be murdered by them. They are ruthless; they are merciless; and we must struggle

with them with all our might or be crushed for ever! The most critical moment has arrived and let all unselfish citizens of Hong Kong do their duty for the future prosperity of Hong Kong by stamping out gambling in exchange once for all!

Yours, etc.,  
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### APPLES, NOISE, AND SHOES.

Discoveries That Help British Industry.

#### FUEL FROM COAL.

All sorts of discoveries, from the production of liquid fuel from coal to the apple with the most vitamins, are revealed in the report of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research.

By treating coal with hydrogen at temperatures of 400 to 500 degrees Centigrade, and at pressures of 200 atmospheres, it is possible to convert a large portion of the coal substances into liquid fuels.

Work at the Fuel Research Station has shown that if the volatile oil products from the original coal substance are led off and condensed, it is possible to obtain a yield of 80 gallons of motor spirit per ton of coal treated.

There seems no reason, it is stated, why yields of motor spirit of 120 to 130 gallons per ton of coal substance treated should not readily attained.

Patent leather is liable to crack during manufacture.

A machine has now been evolved—and several firms have installed it—which tempers the leather and prevents cracking.

The Cutlery Research Association has designed a new machine for grinding table knife blades at a rate of about 250 dozen blades a week.

One firm states that a girl, after a few months' training, has attained an output of 66 dozen blades a day.

Out of a large number of apples that have been tested, one stands out prominently as possessing a greater content of vitamin C than any other.

This is the well-known English cooking variety, Bramley's seedling.

The measurement of noise in aeroplane cabins during flight proves it to be 1,000 times that in an express train.

The Cast Iron Research Association has introduced a cheap apparatus for testing moulding sands which, if generally used, would result in economies in the use of sand estimated to amount to £100,000 a year.

### BURMA REBELS.

#### TACTICAL USE MADE OF THE ELEPHANT.

It clearly has to be recognised that the rebel activity in the Tharrawaddy and Insein districts is again great, says the Rangoon Times. It would also seem that the insurgents are inclined to operate in larger numbers again. If so, that will mean a resumption of pitched battles with the Crown forces.

In an attack on the police outpost at Kinpadi, Insein district, a large body of rebels adopted the classic method of the tactical use of the elephant. They impaled upon the rebels by ensuring invulnerability by hanging charms about the animal.

The elephant may have escaped, but its riders were shot off his back by small police garrison, who, in a gallant defence, killed four rebels and wounded many others.

In another affair at the place the party of Dr. Aiyar, travelling on official duty with an escort, was attacked and he was severely wounded in fighting with rebels. Here again the insurgents were eventually driven off. In another part, the Punjabis engaged rebels and killed 22 without themselves sustaining a casualty.

It is reported that the authorities have placed upon the line in the affected area another armoured train. There are now two trains in military use. Meanwhile, while the rebels are apparently showing open boldness again, sporadic acts of robbery and violence continue.

### THEFTS FROM A CHURCH.

William Edwin Reid, labourer, was sent to prison for three months at Leicester recently for stealing two statuettes from St. Stephen's Church. It was stated that there had been a lot of thefts from Leicester churches lately.

The verger said that when he spoke to Reid, the latter replied: "Drink has been my ruin. I am an ex-officer and a lawyer."

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### READING MURDER MYSTERY.

Visit to Broadmoor Asylum.

#### POLICE ON NEW LINE.

Scotland Yard officers have opened a new line of inquiry into the murder of Mr. Alfred Oliver, the tobacconist, who was found dead in his shop in Cross Street, Reading, on June 22, 1929.

Chief Inspector Berrett and Detective Sergeant Harris, who have been in constant investigation of the crime since it was committed, have just returned to London from a visit to Reading, and it is understood that they have taken a long statement from an inmate of Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum. They then had a prolonged conference with Mr. T. A. Burrows, Chief Constable of Reading, before returning to London.

Any developments will be made known as soon as the officers concerned have discussed the new evidence.

This is the second time that long apparent inactivity has been followed by sudden inquiries into one of the most baffling of recent murder mysteries. Fresh interviews exactly a year ago failed to produce any tangible clues to the identity of the murderer.

Fatal Injuries.

Mr. Oliver, who was 55 years of age, was found with fatal head injuries lying on the floor of his shop. He died the following day, and ceaseless inquiries have failed to trace a single clue of any real value.

The inquest was opened by Mr. J. L. Martin, the Reading Coroner, on June 25, and was adjourned until October 2 in order to allow Scotland Yard officers to pursue their inquiries.

Such slender clues as were provided by cheques and coins were duly examined, statements were taken in places as far separated as Nottingham and St. Albans, and Mr. Philip Yale Drew, an American actor who was appearing at Reading at the time of the murder, was interrogated more than once.

Mr. Drew was the centre of considerable interest at the resumed inquest. Remarkable evidence was given, in which witnesses alleged that they had seen him having in a peculiar manner near the scene and about the time of the murder.

Verdict Cheered.

Public interest in one of the most remarkable inquests ever held grew daily, and there were scenes of wild enthusiasm in the Reading streets when on the eighth day the jury returned a verdict of "Willful murder against some person or persons unknown." Mr. Drew was cheered repeatedly as he left the court.

Clue after clue and letter after letter have reached the police since the inquest, but the mystery has never come within measurable distance of solution. Chief Inspector Berrett and Detective Sergeant Harris have never lost touch with the thread of inquiries, but as time went on the case was placed on the long list of "unsolved murders."

Considerable difficulties attached to the inquiries owing to the presence of hundreds of strangers in Reading during the race week in which the murder was committed. Detective Inspector Walters, who was due to retire in June, 1930, was allowed to extend his service in order to assist in the investigations.

A Glasgow resident was charged at the Central Police Court, Glasgow, in October, 1929, on his own confession of guilt, but was finally discharged.

### ALLEGED BIGAMY.

#### MAN SAID TO HAVE A WIFE IN CALCUTTA.

John Thompson, aged 28, schoolmaster, was remanded at Bow Street recently on a charge of bigamy at Calcutta. Detective-Inspector Warner said he saw Thompson at a London hotel and told him that he had a provisional warrant for his arrest. Thompson replied: "I expected you at the boat. I tried to get a divorce but she would not divorce me."

It is reported that when he spoke to Reid, the latter replied: "Drink has been my ruin. I am an ex-officer and a lawyer."

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To-day's dollar is worth 2/6%. Hong Kong Boy Scouts celebrated St. George's Day with a grand muster and a march past the flag at Lamma Island under the leadership of Colonel Bowen, the Commissioner. The newly-formed troop from the Ellis Kadoorie School was present.

**GENERAL MUSEUM FOR LONDON.**

Abundant Materials at Hand.

**ORIENTAL ART.**

Lord Willingdon and Lord D'Abenon write to a Home paper: "We have read with great interest the letters signed by Lord Zetland, Sir Francis Younghusband, and Colonel K. N. Haksar which recently appeared in The Times on the subject of a Central Museum for Asiatic Art in London. We think it opportune to recall that the project of an Oriental Museum was carefully considered by the recent Royal Commission on National Museums and Galleries, and that it was included among those future developments in the national museums service which the Commission hoped might be realized in time with the assistance of public benefactors. The Commission pointed out that the materials for such a museum both in the British Museum and in the Victoria and Albert Museum were extremely rich, and they crystallized the need for such an institution in the words of Mr. D. S. MacColl:

The British Empire is blinded in the Far East if it does not study the cultures and arts of China and Japan, of Persia and its own India. They proceeded to suggest that if the establishment of a separate Museum of Oriental Antiquities were beyond the range of immediate practical politics the formation of a Department of Far Eastern Antiquities at the British Museum might be a stepping stone to the larger scheme.

**Culture of Eastern Nations.** Since the publication of this part of the Commission's Report in October 1929, we are glad to observe that the need for a Museum of Oriental Art has received emphasis both directly and indirectly. The striking article contributed by Dr. Kummel, Keeper of the Asiatic Collections in Berlin, to the *Museums Journal* for February on the immense wealth and significance of the Oriental collections in London and the vital need for their proper display, the conversa-

**YOUNG GERMANY IN TRAINING.****The Cult of Physical Fitness.**

Walking sedately between the pine trees of the Grunewald is a comfortable, portly gentleman, with the traditional dachshund trotting behind, a cigar in his mouth, a stick in his hand; by his side is a largely, comfortable companion proclaiming in all her person the good and sober hausfrau, says the Berlin correspondent of the London Morning Post.

One can see such pairs by the dozen on a fine Sunday in the country of woods and lakes that lies only ten minutes by train outside Berlin. These are people whose youth was spent in pre-War Germany; the War swept over them, but they have not changed.

Then, suddenly, there comes a clattering of feet on the frozen ground, and one catches a fleeting glimpse of a very different type of German. There are girls clothed in blue flannel trouser suits or in Zephyr shorts, flushed, panting but resolute, relentlessly "training," determinedly keeping fit on the one day allowed them from the drudgery of the office or the shop.

Young men and women run by in squads or alone between the icicle-hung pines, along by the frozen lakes. This is the new Germany — the Germany that concentrates first and foremost on keeping fit.

One sees the same impulse everywhere working in its different modes of expression — the impulse towards physical perfection. After working hours, every evening the huge "Wellenbad" (Berlin's swimming bath with artificial waves) is filled with young Berliners, not only diving, swimming, battling with the artificial breakers, but on the spacious terraces raised above the water, practising gymnastics, boxing, ju-jutsu. One is reminded of the Spartan paestra.

**On the Cinder Track.** Or, walking in a Berlin park one will invariably come on one of the great, round enclosures, the stadiums, where numbers of men and girls are running round the cinder track, practising pole-jumping, putting the weight, hurdling. Practically every clerk and typist belongs to some physical training club and attends it at least once a week.

Winter and Summer, indoors and out, the thing goes on — something outside the experience of the elderly gentleman strolling with his dog and wife in the Grunewald. Thoroughly, seriously, with his whole concentration, the young German is devoting himself to the cult of the body. This is something connected with and yet apart from the growing popularity of all kinds of games — it is a physical manifestation, perhaps, of the spirit of post-War Germany. Science and method have been directed towards a new ideal — physical fitness, hardness, health.

**'CHEERIO, MY LORD.'** Sentence of five years' penal servitude was passed by Judge Gregory, K.C., at the Old Bailey on Mary Thompson, aged thirty-six, a cook, who pleaded guilty to stealing and receiving jewellery from a house at Twickenham, where she had been engaged as a servant.

Jessie Amelia Sharpe Coates, aged thirty-five, found guilty of receiving, was sentenced to six months' hard labour.

Coates, on being sentenced, exclaimed, "Thank you, my lord, that is not so bad. I was expecting three years."

She said, turning to the newspaper representatives, "Describe me as a beautiful blonde, won't you," and added, "Good morning, my lord. Cheerio."

Coates, addressing the jury, said that she was not afraid of prison, as it was a wonderful institution for any one who had sinned against society. She also declared that she was the sister of a Sheffield councillor and the youngest of eleven children. She had been to prison for libel, but it was an unjust conviction, on the evidence of an ex-convict, who had been in jail fifteen years.

"I know the detectives from Leeds who have given evidence against me here," she added. "I always give them a straight answer, because I call a spade a spade. I am a Yorkshire woman."

She also declared that when she was arrested the detectives had a "real good feed of boiled rabbit, wine, almonds and fruit." Afterwards they had a good laugh and a chat.

This statement was denied by the detectives concerned.

**85—AND HE STILL PLAYS "SQUASH."****A Talk with London's Electricity Pioneer.****FUGHT IN CRIMEA.**

Colonel Crompton, a pioneer electrician to whom London owes her electric lighting system, is 85. And he still plays squash every day.

His career has been almost incredibly romantic. When he was eleven, he went to the Crimea as a naval cadet.

He visited his brother in the trenches before Sebastopol, and was awarded the Crimean Medal before his twelfth birthday.

When he left the Army he entered business. His first big contract was lighting the Law Courts.

"When my firm started making electrical equipment in 1877," Colonel Crompton told the Evening News, "we began the electrical industry."

"Soon my firm was lighting private houses. I installed electric light in the houses of W. S. Gilbert of Gilbert and Sullivan, Lord Randolph Churchill, Sir William Crookes, and in my own."

"Then I received an order from Berlin Lelever, the Chief Officer of Works, to light the new Law Courts in the Strand. We put in 2,000 lamps."

"We then thought it would be a good thing to light private houses generally, as the gas people had done. We applied for a Bill to break up the streets to lay the mains everywhere."

"It was then that Joseph Chamberlain, believing that everything should be done by municipal enterprise, got through a Government Bill that prevented us having more than twenty-one years' tenure."

"After that time everything had to be handed over to the authorities. Of course no financier would find the money in these circumstances."

"I was compelled to go abroad for business, and I put electric lights into all the theatres in Vienna."

**'FAMOUS ICE WORM MYTH.'****NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.****SHADOWS BEFORE COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.****Social Functions.**

To-day—Tea Dance at Hong Kong Hotel; Dinner Dances at Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels and Hotel Cecil.

To-morrow—University Graduates' Association Dinner, Lane Crawford's, 8.30 p.m.

**Entertainments.**

To-day—King's Theatre; Tom Sawyer."

To-day—Quecua's Theatre; "Whoopee."

To-day—Central Theatre; "The Boudoir Diplomat."

To-day—Majestic Theatre. "Career."

To-day—World Theatre; "Hwang Tien Poh," (Chinese pictures).

Lammert's Auctions. To-morrow—At Station Hotel, Kowloon, household furniture, 11.30 a.m.

Monday—At 4, Humphrey's Building, Kowloon, household furniture, 10.30 a.m.

Tuesday—At 39, Humphrey's Building, Kowloon, household furniture, 10.30 a.m.

Wednesday—At 5A, Luna Buildings, household furniture, 10.30 a.m.

**Home Malls.**

To-day—Inward from Europe via Siberia (Rajputana).

To-morrow—Outward for Europe via Marseilles (Rajputana), 10.30 a.m.; for Europe via Siberia (Empress of Canada), 10 a.m.

**Meet'ng.**

Monday—Court of University, 5.15 p.m.

**Sports.**

See Sports Diary on Page 9.

**FAMOUS ICE WORM MYTH.****Man Who Made All the U.S. Laugh.**

Readers of American newspapers have, for more than three decades, been chuckling and raging over E. J. ("Stroller") White's trenchant editorials, and laughing at his humour, says the New York correspondent of the Daily Express.

He is the doyen of Alaska editors — this kindly, tolerant, whimsical man.

At a time when thousands were flocking to the Klondyke, young Stroller White, penniless, but serenely hopeful, went from Skagway, Alaska, to Dawson, looking, not for gold, but for a newspaper job.

He arrived in the booming gold town one bitterly cold day in 1898, on foot and hauling a wobbling little hand sled on which sat his girl wife and baby daughter.

"They and my lead pencil constituted my total equipment," he said, "but I soon landed a job on Dawson's largest daily — the Klondyke Nugget.

"I was a combination city editor and reporter. In those days, at the height of the Klondyke rush, imagination was the most important part of an editor's equipment.

"Furious Rivalry.

"During my first winter the rivalry between the three Dawson dailies was furious. To make matters worse, the telegraph line refused to function for two months, and every road in the country was snowed under."

"News was scarce, and our rivals — well, the way those fellows drew on their imaginations was a sin!

"One day the owner of the Nugget bounded into the office.

"'Wha' d'you mean by letting this paper go to the dogs?'" he roared. "Subscriptions are falling off. If you want to stay on my payroll, get out of here and grab a story that will be talked about from the aurora borealis to the Southern Cross!'

"We took one look at him and sprinted out into the sixty below zero fog."

Stroller White returned with a masterpiece. When it appeared in the Nugget, it was created a sensation.

It was a carefully worded descriptive article on the prevailing cold spell.

The Stroller asserted, in his characteristic Mark Twain style, that as a consequence of this temperature, there had been a heavy fall of blue snow, and the ice-worms, in adjacent glaciers, had come to the surface to bask in the unusual friability.

"It seems incredible that practically the whole town accepted my little burlesque as gospel truth! But they did," Stroller White chuckled.

"The Nugget office was besieged by eager questioners. It did no good for me to assure them that blue snow and ice worms had no existence outside my imagination. They insisted on details."

"Apologies.

"Finally, in order that I might have peace, I wrote another article in the same vein, describing the

**NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.****G. R.****NOTICE.****HONG KONG WATER SUPPLY.**

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Water Authority.

Public Works Department,

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appearance and habits of the ice worm.

"The paper had not been on the street an hour before every saloon in town was advertising 'Ice-worm Cocktails'. I ordered one.

"The man in the white jacket closed one eye knowingly and lifted the lid from an elegant cut-glass dish. Lo! There were ice worms — long, fat, white, and luscious looking — running through great cake of ice!

"He produced a little hatchet, chipped off a corner, and exposed the ends of a number of worms.

"With a pair of silver tongs he delicately drew one out — it was six inches long — and after dangling it ostentatiously for the benefit of the gaping crowd, dropped it into a long glass, into which he poured brandy.

"The bartender leaned apologetically towards me. 'Say, Stroller,' he whispered out of the corner of his mouth, 'we couldn't get any of the real stuff, so we faked 'em by poaching spaghetti through gimpel holes and letting it swell. But don't tell any of the boys the difference!'

Yukoners were not the only people who took the ice worm seriously.

Even to-day the more or less credulous tourist in Alaska is buying picture postcards on which a bearded miner is shown pulling ice worms from a glacier.

**BATHING FOR 3,000 ARRANGEMENTS OF THE VIENNA STADION.**

The gigantic "Stadion," built by the municipality in the Prater for the purposes of sport, is nearing its completion.

The construction of its second part, a huge place for family bathing, was started in the middle of March and will be finished in July, for the "Workmen's Olympiade." There will be four open baths, the largest, measuring 300 ft. by 60 ft.

The second bath will have a jumping tower, 30 ft. high. The third "basin" will be for non-swimmers, and the fourth for small children.

Three thousand persons will be able to bathe simultaneously and spend three hours in the water at a very low rate.

Since the Viennese are very hot in this city, and the Viennese are great bathers, the new place will prove a boon. There will also be night bathing in electric light.

The four baths will be surrounded by an iron tribune for 4,000 spectators. A large buffet and cafe are to complete the arrangements.

**SUNDAY NEWSPAPERS.****Lord's Day Observance Act Of 1677.**

The Houghton Press, Ltd., proprietors of the Sunday Sportman newspaper, Aldwych, W.C., claimed £12 for advertisements for the National Stores, Ltd., Hill Place, Oxford Circus, W., at Westminster County Court, recently.

The Lord's Day Observance Act, 1677, was pleaded as defence.

Mr. S. L. Elbourn, barrister, for the plaintiffs, contended that since the Sunday paper could be published and bought on Saturday, and was obtainable on Monday, there could be nothing illegal about the transaction.

Judge Turner, quoted from the Act, the passage: "No one shall publicly cry, show forth, or expose to sale, adding that the goods so exposed, could be forfeited."

"That raises another question," he remarked, "whether any person can, in order to prevent a breach of the Statute, walk away with one's Sunday newspaper." That seems quite possible within the purview of this Act, it would be argued.

Judgment was given for plainiffs, with costs, a stay being granted on terms, as the case involved an important point of law.

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# Sport Columns

## TO FIGHT FOR HIS MARRIAGE.

Kid Berg Seeks World's Light-Weight Title.

### WORTH THOUSANDS.

Chicago, Yesterday. Britain's chance of regaining her lost boxing laurels comes at 4.30 a.m., (British Summer time) on Saturday, when the ex-White-chapel cabinetmaker's apprentice, Kid Berg, once employed at five shillings a week, fights Tony Canzoneri for the world's light weight title at the Chicago Stadium.

Kid Berg is only waiting to win the title as a justification for getting married to pretty Eleanor Kraus, the daughter of a millionaire New York silk merchant. He has already beaten Canzoneri, on January 17 last year, and is now a 7/5 favourite.

Berg returned from his last American tour on January 24 wealthier by £13,000. Already he has earned thousands on his present tour and receives £2,000 from to-morrow's fight. Canzoneri receives £10,000, or £1,000 per round. Both have concluded their training. Berg is in a very snappy condition. "Boy, how I'm going to fight," he said. Canzoneri sustained a slight cut to his right eye during his training and appears to be worried.—Reuter's American Service.

## FOUL BLOWS LEGAL IN AMERICA.

### Fruitless Efforts for Elimination.

### TECHNICAL K.O.

New York, April 9. Although the New York State Athletic Commission gives full credit to New York's no foul rule for eliminating boxing's fouling evil, other organisations have been slow to accept the cure.

The National Boxing Association, representing 33 States and affiliated with several foreign organisations, still recognises fouls as such and does not plan to legalise low blows. Under the N.B.A. rules offending boxers forfeit their full purse in event of foul and the winner on a foul accepts pro rata pay for the number of rounds fought.

The International Boxing Union, representing European countries, recently considered the New York rule but voted to retain existing rules as to prohibited territory.

Under New York's rule boxer hitting a low blow loses the round in which the blow is struck, but in the event of the victim of a low blow being unable to continue, the offending boxer is given the decision on a technical knock-out!

Nick Testo, Troy middleweight, was the first victim of the rule when he was struck palpably low by Vittorio Livan in a bout at Madison Square Garden and was unable to continue. He was counted out as he sat writhing in his corner and Livan was declared winner.

## LATEST HOME RUGBY RESULTS.

Cardiff Triumph Over Coventry.

### BARBARIANS WIN.

London, April 6. The following were the results of to-day's Rugby Union game.

Birkenhead P.—Waterloo 6-24.  
Manchester—North of Ireland 3-21.

Neath—Brighton 20-3.  
Newport—Pontypool 3-5.  
Liverpool—Rosslyn Park 10-13.

London, April 7.  
Bath—Northampton 6-5.  
Cardiff—Coventry 27-8.  
Newport—Barbarians 9-18.

Our bowlers are not the chicken-hearted men that those who suggest they lose heart on good wickets would seem to think. Sheer bowling ability does not need the artificial aids which deliberately imperfected wickets would be calculated to provide; it can fight its own battles and win through. It can bowl well on the good ones, and gains its own reward in proper proportion when the weather or some other influence sends a bad wicket for its temporary assistance.—P. G. H. Fender.

Some spectators are so engrossed in the game that they are actually playing the ball mentally as they watch, and occasionally the man in front knows all about it.—Alec Jackson.

## MONACO'S ANNUAL FLUTTER.

### Concede Singles Games to Britain.

### PERRY'S DEBUT.

London, Yesterday. Monaco's annual flutter in the Davis Cup will this year be shortened, judging on to-day's form. The British team, for whom S. J. Perry, the son of the Labour member of Parliament for Kettering, won the first two singles matches in straight sets. Perry graduated as the British lawn tennis "hope" through his prowess at Ping Pong. He is at present the holder of the Ping Pong championship of the world.

In the Davis Cup to-day at Plymouth he made his first appearance and justified his inclusion by defeating Gallope (Monaco) by 6-3, 6-2, 7-5. H. W. Austin beat Landau 6-0, 6-0, 6-1. It must, however, be said in fairness to Landau that he came on the court immediately after leaving the dentist's chair in which he had a tooth extracted.—Reuter.

### CONSCIENCE OF A GOLFER.

To develop a conscience in middle life is an uncomfortable experience, especially when there appears to be no way of quieting it.

My garden gate opens close by one of the greens of a popular golf course. Sometimes approach shots come into the garden. Once a ball actually struck the house, which is at least a hundred yards from the fairway. Seeing that the length of the hole is only a decent drive and a three-quarter mashie, it had puzzled me ever since to decide what club the player can have used.

When the family are at home all is well. The mistress of the house only objects to golfers in the garden when they begin to bring about in her shrubberies with a niblick. But the family are not always in; it is not easy from the fairway to see what becomes of balls that fly over the green; and then the golfer moves on to the next tee, sadly taking the paper off another new ball.

Ursula, our Cairn terrier, has a genius for finding lost golf balls—thrift and the instinct for the game that are part of her Scottish ancestry. Returning from a walk she knows intuitively when there is a ball in the garden, and noses it out at once. Often, too, she digs up other treasures in the rough along the course. Cut balls she seems to despise. Those she retrieves are always fresh. She lays the balls at the feet of her mistress, who passes them over to me. Thus beguiled by two feminine creatures, I put the balls in my bag. And then that newly-awakened conscience begins to work.

A "Fence." It is not only that, on strictly moral grounds, I am, at the moment, a receiver of at least 12s. 6d. worth of stolen property. The fact that as a golfer I rank among the humbler "rabbits" makes me feel the more guilty. Nothing is more disconcerting than to lose a ball. It puts me off for, at least three holes. "Tigers," of course, never lose balls.

So all the owners of the balls in my bag must have been "rabbits," and were, no doubt, put off by the loss and perhaps never recovered their form, but ended the day miserably, and went home and beat their wives.

Yet what is to be done? In any fine week-end hundreds of golfers pass our house. Even if I could identify the owners of the balls found in our garden, what can I do about the others which Ursula has snuffed out elsewhere? I have heard vaguely of some rule, or understanding, that golf balls, when picked up, should be given to the caddy master. But why should he have them more than I? He does not labour to support Ursula in bones and biscuits. And with golf balls at half a crown apiece! Such excellent balls, too! writes O. M. Green in the Daily Telegraph.

I have tried the desperate expedient of going out to play without a caddy—in which case I can usually rely on losing one or two balls—with the superstitious hope that the rightful owners might light upon them and so relieve my conscience.

But Ursula merely dug the balls up again—with one or two additions.

Harvey has the boxing ability, he has the punch, and he is a man of remarkable strength. He must make the most of these assets in a bid for a swift knock-out; for that, I think, is the only kind of victory which will enable him to realise his ambition.—Geoffrey Simpson.

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Badminton is the game of the fit, and the Horticultural Hall is the home of England's fittest men and women.

The Canadian champion, J. E. Purcell, made his debut during the morning. He had influenza on the way to England, this did not seem to trouble him—not even the shuttlecocks which were not quite like the kind he uses in Toronto affected his game.

He just looked at the crowd—and smiled. Then he looked at his opponent—and smiled again, and away went his shuttlecock. Purcell was in play!

Almost as soon as Purcell's opponent had returned the shuttlecock across the top of the net it was back again. "What a stroke!" whispered a man beside me—the only time he had spoken in three hours.

It was all over in a few minutes. Purcell had won his first game in England, and his opponent slipped away with just one ace to his credit in the two sets.

Purcell came on the courts again in the afternoon. This time he was in the mixed doubles. The biggest crowd of the day watched his play. It was quite as brilliant as in the singles, but his side lost. All he said when the game ended was that the "better team work on the other side" beat him. A fine sportsman!

### GOLF.

### STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY.

The Secretary of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club supplies the following list of starting times for Fanling on Sunday:

9.20 a.m.	J. K. MacFarlan, A. H. Ferguson.
9.24	V. R. Gordon, A. H. Penn.
9.28	D. L. Prophet, A. Sommerfeld.
9.32	R. H. Griffith, E. B. Gammell.
9.36	O. Eager, W. A. Butterfield.
9.40	E. P. Fletcher, F. C. Young.
9.44	P. S. Grant, J. E. Richardson.
9.48	R. R. Davies, J. Forbes.
9.52	F. A. Redmond, D. J. Gilmore.
9.56	C. Mycock, J. S. Dykes.
10.00	L. R. Vallance, H. S. V. Mossop.
10.04	W. C. Shields, A. D. Humphreys.
10.08	Comdr. Priestley, E. D. Matthews.
10.12	J. B. Lanyon, J. R. Collis.
10.16	A. R. Cox, A. Webster.
10.20	D. G. Bruce, D. Forbes.
10.24	J. A. R. Selby, D. S. Robb.
10.28	R. Ritchie, A. Leach.
10.32	J. M. Walker, I. W. Shewan.
10.36	J. H. Rakkes, S. J. H. Fox.
10.40	A. C. I. Bowker, W. Wright.
10.44	A. B. Purves, K. S. Robertson.

Boxing and other major sports develop guts, and that's one of the most important things in our make-up. They provide a means for letting off steam, and if people haven't that outlet they'll revert to something much worse. The race will develop a yellow streak.—The Rev. Kelly in the Toronto Globe.

I know that John Olliff, Nigel Sharpe, and H. K. Lester have been placed above Perry on the L.T.A.'s ranking list, but the men who drew up the list, I feel certain, would hesitate to back Olliff, Sharpe, or Lester to beat Perry in a five-set match.—H. R. MacDonald.

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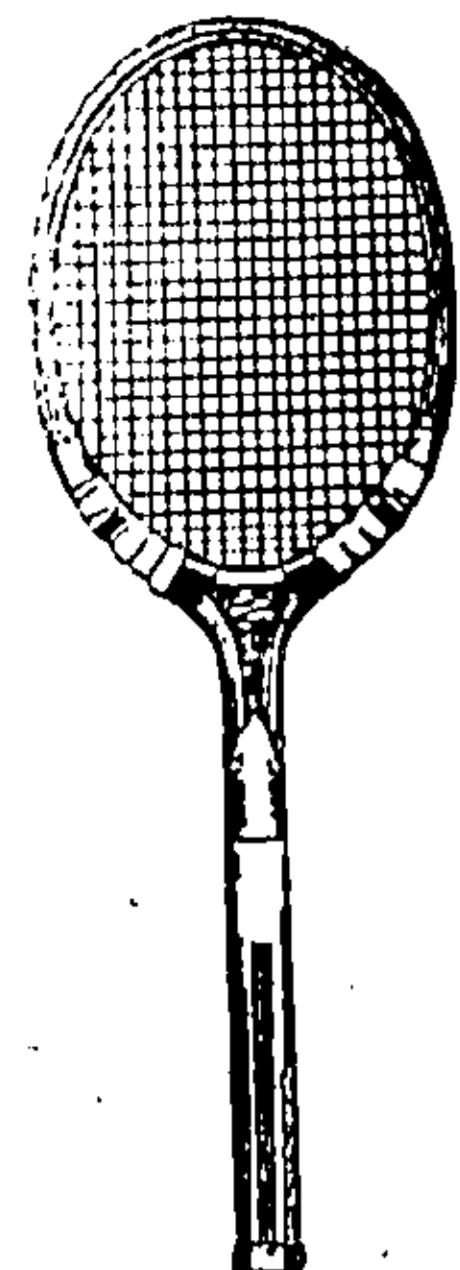
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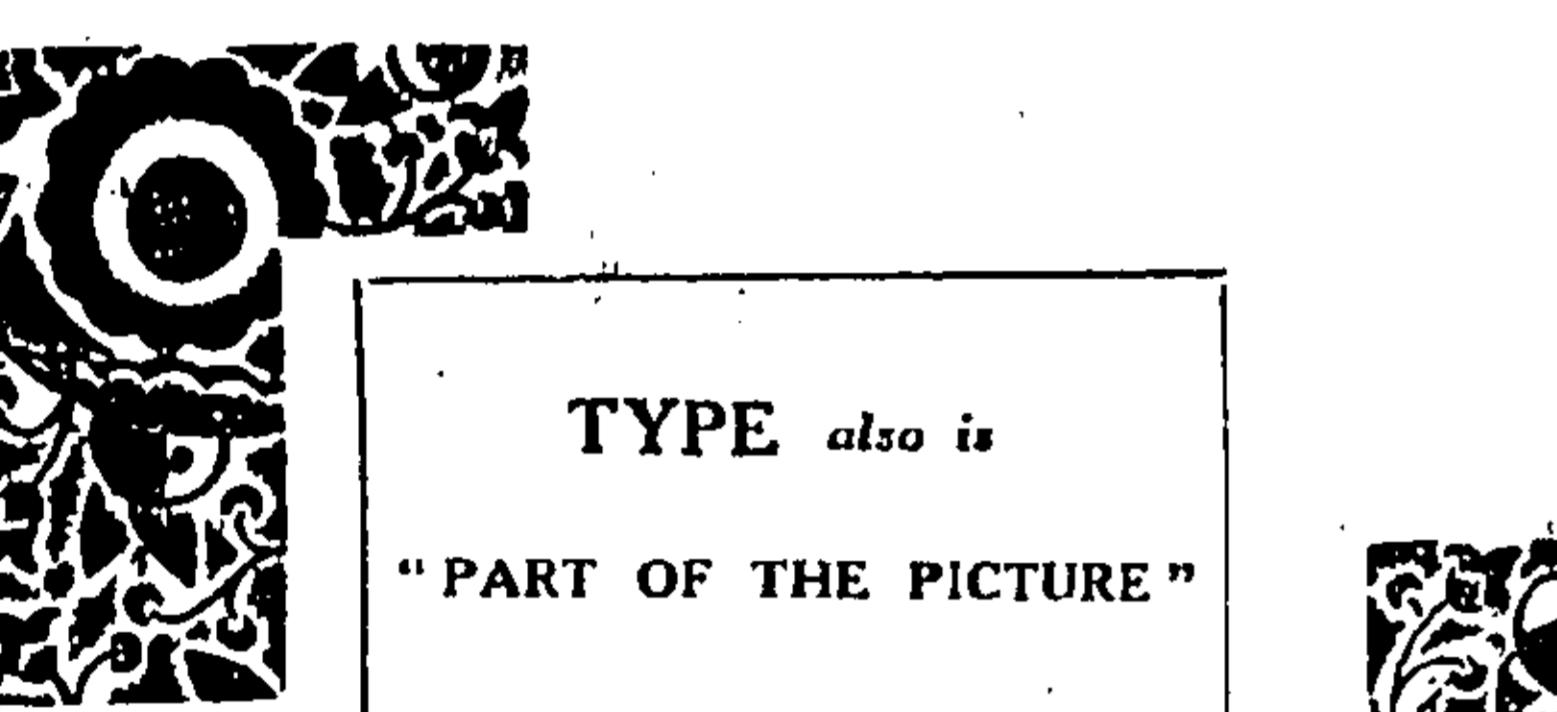
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GRIPS.Are Big Hands  
a Help?

## OVERLAPPING GRIP.

I sometimes think that one of the most difficult things in life is to induce the average golfer to hold the club properly. He has an in-born tendency to rebel against the overlapping finger-grip; which is adopted by all the leading golfers in the world with the exception of Cyril Tolley and Abe Mitchell.

At the same time there must be some reason why the nameless legion who never cease to hope for improvement chafe when the instructor insists that they shall persevere with the overlapping grip. One of this deathless army vowed to me the other day that he would go on with it no longer.

"The fact of the matter is," he protested, "that champions have one feature in common. They all have big hands. Overlapping the fingers and thumbs may be the ideal way of holding the club, but you can't do it comfortably unless your hands are big. The man who said that it takes head to play golf wasn't a close observer. Large hands are worth more than a dozen clever heads. It's as much as I can do to grip the club in my palms with the fingers round the shaft; they're not long enough for overlapping. So I'm not going to bother any more about the examples of champions and their disciples."

## For and Against.

It is possible that there is a little too much insistence on orthodoxy in the matter of golfing methods, and that the overlapping grip, to take an example, is not necessarily suited to everybody. It truly does seem to be particularly adapted to people with large and fleshy hands.

Bobby Jones is blessed with this dispensation, and he proclaims overlapping as unmistakably the best way of holding the club. J. H. Taylor and I are equally favoured. Walter Hagen has most capacious and chubby handshake, which reveals him instantly as a player born to utilise the overlapping principle.

Nevertheless, there are instances which suggest that this physical trait is not indispensable to the system. R. H. Wethered has made considerable success of it, and his hands certainly are not abnormal. So has George Duncan, who once told me in reply to my inquiry that he takes 8's in gloves. That is not an outsize.

I dare say that a good many people who try overlapping fail at it because their clubs are ill-adapted to the purpose. That is to say, the handles are too thick. Even of the large-handed champions, the only one I ever knew who used clubs with thick grips was myself.

## Size of Hands.

My friend who protested against the exaltation of overlapping to its present glory as the only correct and classic way of holding the club, asked how many well-known women golfers find it tolerable, let alone helpful. He considered it a good point bearing on the question as to the size of the hands, for men are usually the more generously endowed in this matter.

The answer is that very few women players practise the overlapping grip. So far as I know, its only votaries among winners of the British women's open championships, prior to Miss Diana Fishwick, this year, have been Miss Joyce Wethered and Miss Simone de la Châume. The latter certainly affords a striking tribute to its possibilities, for she is very small, with hands in proportion.

Miss Wethered is of altogether bigger physique, but her hands are certainly no more than normal, although they appear to possess those elements of strength and suppleness which are marked in all successful votaries of the overlapping grip.

**The Right to Choose.**  
So perhaps it is true that the golfer is justified in examining his hands before he submits himself to the trials and disappointments which are inevitable for a long

## YACHTING.

## RESULT OF FIRST MID-WEEK RACE.

The first mid-week yacht race for the "H", "I", "Y" and "G" Classes, was sailed yesterday over the following course:—Channel Rocks, Kowloon Rock (P.), Mark on Line (S), Rumsey Shoal (S), a distance of 5.30 miles.

The contest commenced at 5.40 p.m., and resulted as follows:

"H" Class.

None started.

"I", "Y" and "G" Classes,

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## FOOTBALL.

## KOWLOON ELEVEN FOR TO-MORROW.

The following have been selected to represent the Kowloon Football Club against the South Wales Borderers on the Kowloon ground to-morrow at 4.30 p.m.:—

Angus; Martin, Downman; Hedley, McElveen, Caplin; Pile, Dominy, Gillott, Grimwood, and Ianson.

Reserves: Simpson, Eastman, Gilchrist and Williams.

## Our Sports Diary.

## LOCAL.

LAWN TENNIS—To-day—H.K.C.C. Championship Singles Semi-Final—S. A. Rumjahn v. C. A. L. Rumjahn.

CHESS—To-day—Kowloon Chess Club Junior Championship.

FOOTBALL—To-morrow—First Division—Borderers v. Kowloon; Recreato v. Argyll; St. Joseph's v. South China; Police v. Navy.

LAWN BOWLS—May 2—Opening of League Season. May 9—Entries close for Open Singles Championship.

## HOME.

FOOTBALL—To-morrow—English Cup Final, Wembley.

GOLF—Last Day—English Amateur Championship.

To-morrow and Sunday—Professional Tournament, Torquay.

Monday—Army Championship, Sandwich.

RACING—Wednesday—Two Thousand Guineas.

while when he tries to change his old way of holding the club in favour of the accredited method of champions.

As every student of the game is doubtless aware, this method demands that the right thumb shall rest on the left thumb; that the little finger of the right hand shall repose on the forefinger of the left; and that the remaining fingers shall provide the real grip of the club—almost entirely a light finger-grip.

Jones says that you must not pinch or squeeze the club, but just hold it without tension. The muscular effort will come at the impact. This is true, but it may seem that to place one thumb over the other, and one finger over another, the player must possess capacious hands; otherwise he is likely to suffer sense of straining for effect, writes Harry Vardon in the Sports Dispatch.

That is precisely why a great many amateurs, after trying the overlapping method, go back to the principle of holding the club in the palm of the right hand, and placing the left in a position which will enable the two to work as nearly as possible together without creating a feeling of discomfort.

But mastery with the overlapping grip is not to be gained without perseverance. Once mastered, I am certain that it is unequalled in promoting efficiency.

## EXCHANGES.

## TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

On London—  
Bank, wire ..... 11 3/4  
Bank, on demand ..... 11 3/4  
Bank, 4 months' sight 11 13/16  
Credits, 4 months'  
sight ..... 17 7/16

Documentary, 4  
months' sight ..... 17 1/2

On Paris—

On demand ..... 60 1/2

Credits, 4 months'  
sight ..... 64 1/2

On New York—

On demand ..... 23 1/2

Credits, 60 days'  
sight ..... 24 1/2

On Bombay—

Wire ..... 65 1/2

On demand ..... 65 1/2

On Calcutta—

Wire ..... 65 1/2

On demand ..... 65 1/2

On Singapore—

On demand ..... 42 1/2

On Manila—

On demand ..... 47 1/2

On Shanghai—

On demand ..... 18 7/4

Dollar ..... 4 1/2 % dis.

On Yokohama—

On demand ..... 48 1/2

Sovereign (Bank)  
buying rate) ..... 1 1/3

Silver (per oz.) ..... 13 5/16

Bar Silver in Hong  
Kong ..... Nominal

Copper Cash ..... Nominal

Rate of Native In-  
terest ..... 3 1/2 % p.a.

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Hong Kong Sub. Coin Par

## LONDON EXCHANGES

Rugby, Yesterday.

Paris ..... 124 32 1/2

New York ..... 4.88 5/32

Brussels ..... 34.95 1/2

Geneva ..... 25.23

Amsterdam ..... 12.09 1/2

Milan ..... 92.82 1/2

Berlin ..... 20.40 1/2

Stockholm ..... 18.14 1/2

Copenhagen ..... 18.16 1/2

Oslo ..... 18.16 1/2

Vienna ..... 34.66 1/2

Prague ..... 16 1/2

Helsingfors ..... 19 1/2

Madrid ..... 48.85

Athens ..... 365

Lisbon ..... 108.25

Bucharest ..... 217

Rio ..... 3%

Buenos Aires ..... 36%

Montevideo ..... 32 1/2

Bombay ..... 1/5 13/16

Shanghai ..... 1/3

Hong Kong ..... 11%

Yokohama ..... 2/— 13/32

Silver Spot ..... 18 5/16

Silver Forward ..... 13 1/4

British Wireless Service.

To my mind, however, the greatest cueman is the player whose game cannot be made to suffer by any alteration in the rules which govern the game.—Riso Levi.

There is no faking in football, either as to draws or results. It is frequently said that ties are drawn by rearrangement for the sake of another "gate."—Peter M'William.

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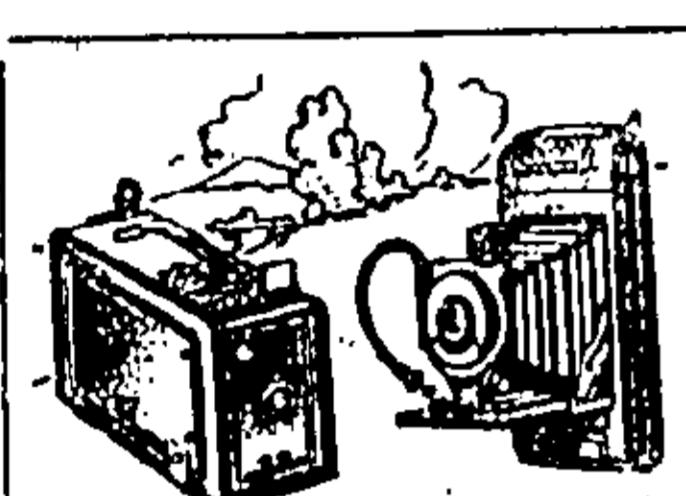
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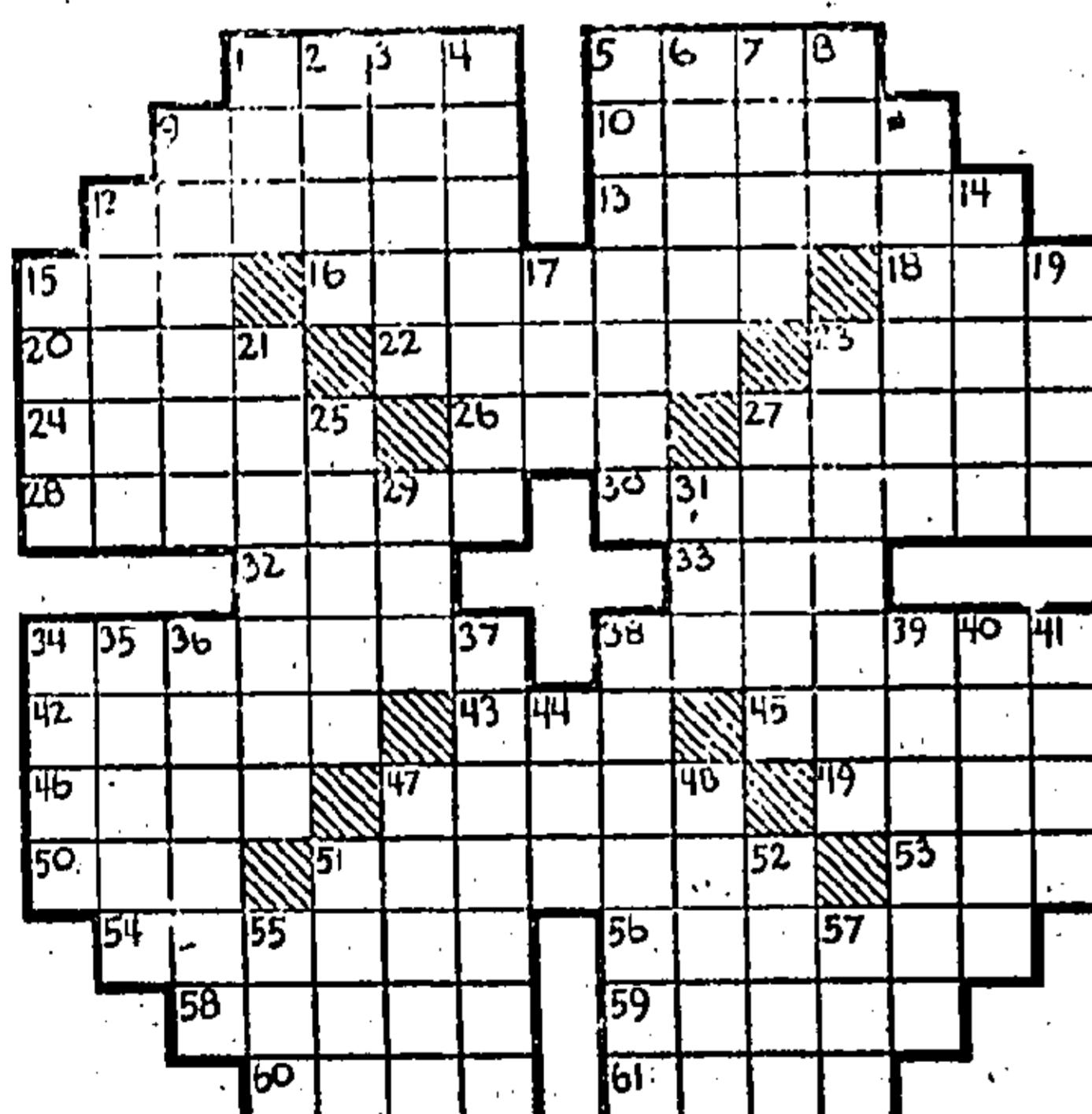
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## DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 1-A four-wheeled vehicle used in mines
- 5-The blackening made by smoke
- 9-Rank
- 10-A conical lodge of the Indians
- 12-Value
- 13-A province in Northern Nigeria
- 15-A Turkish name
- 16-A Greek letter
- 17-A weight measure
- 20-Pinches
- 22-Small ples.
- 23-Clothing for the foot
- 24-Abounds
- 25-A salt in drilling horses
- 27-Plural of this
- 28-Perfume
- 30-Wanted
- 32-Amateur Athlete
- 33-Goddess of the sea (Norse Myth.)
- 34-Waded
- 35-A sailor
- 42-An African animal
- 43-Roe (boot)
- 45-Breathe noisily when asleep
- 46-Peruse
- 47-Watches over
- 49-To gird
- 50-Sail (Latin)
- 51-A scholastic term
- 52-Maritime distress signal
- 54-Bill-blocks (Prov. Brit.)
- 55-A long braid of hair
- 56-A pale blue gas with a pungent odor
- 57-Weeds
- 58-Imprudence (Colloq.)
- 59-Surf.
- 60-Tribe, Three
- 61-Highly skillful
- 64-An errand
- 65-Artificially elevated
- 66-In manner
- 67-An island in the Cyclades group
- 68-A beverage (pl.)
- 69-One of three giant goddesses (Norse Myth.)
- 70-Clances (abor.)
- 71-Works at with steadiness
- 72-A loop furnished with a running knot
- 73-A stake in poker
- 74-Anger
- 75-Want
- 76-Blasted
- 77-Breaking
- 78-A blow or lazy person
- 79-Emperors of Russia
- 80-A long braid of hair
- 81-Time period
- 82-God of war (Rom. Myth.)
- 83-Open spaces
- 84-Ancient business quarter of Venice
- 85-Clothes
- 86-Intercede
- 87-Sounds
- 88-Mistake
- 89-Steep, as flax
- 90-Answer (abbr.)
- 91-Numbers between twelve and twenty
- 92-A beverage (pl.)
- 93-One of three giant goddesses (Norse Myth.)
- 94-Clances (abor.)
- 95-Wild (boot)

The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in tomorrow's issue along with a new crossword puzzle.

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## AMERICAN MATE'S FATE.

Small Hope of His Survival.

### SEARCH TUG RETURNS.

Upon enquiry this morning, it was learned that no trace had been found by searching vessels of Mr. George J. Lavin, chief officer of the American steamer Golden Mountain, who, it is presumed, fell overboard off Green Island on Wednesday night.

The Naval tug sent out by the Commodore has returned, and no further information has been received from any other quarter.

It is now learned that the weather on Wednesday night outside was bad, coupled with a thick fog. It must, therefore, be regretfully concluded that small hopes can be entertained of Mr. Lavin's survival.

### WINTER VOYAGE.

### SPECIAL TOUR OF THE FAR EAST.

### BLUE FUNNEL ENTERPRISE.

We are informed that it has been arranged for the Blue Funnel steamer Ulysses to make a special round voyage to Ceylon, Malaya, China and Japan, sailing from Liverpool on September 26, 1931, and due Liverpool on return January 30, 1932, at a cost of £126.

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### MEERUT CASE.

### BAIL GRANTED TO TWO ACCUSED.

Allahabad, Yesterday.

For the first time since the beginning of the Meerut Communist conspiracy case in June, 1929, involving three Europeans and 28 Indians, the Court to-day granted bail to two of the accused persons, Nimbkar and H. L. Hutchinson, conditionally that they abstain from political activities pending the proceedings.

### MR. WILLIAM KERR.

### RETIRING FROM TAIKOO DOCKYARD.

Among those leaving for home to-morrow is Mr. William Kerr, Head Foreman Engineer at Taikoo Dockyard, who is retiring after over 20 years' service. He first came East in the service of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, and later joined the China Navigation Company, from where he was drafted to Taikoo. He is now going to Lochwinnoch, Renfrewshire.

Immediately the leopard attacked the man, and with a blow of its paw dislodged two of his teeth, and fell him to the ground. Though badly scratched, however, he escaped being mauled.

Attracted by the noise of the struggle which ensued, convicts working in the grounds set up such a commotion that the beast made off, causing alarm among the students of a Mission school through the compound of which it passed.

## A HEAVY DRINK.

### INDIAN GIRL SWALLOWS QUICKSILVER.

An Indian girl named Ashud Bagun, aged two years and a half, was removed to the Government Hospital from 56, Tung Lo Wan Road, for observation. The girl is believed to have swallowed some quicksilver.

## STOP PRESS

Lisbon, To-day.

Four trawlers, converted into guardships, left for Madeira to-day to participate in the operations against the rebels. Two destroyers and an auxiliary cruiser left for Madeira at mid-day.—Reuter.

London, Yesterday.

The Air Force salute which became "salute of death," apparently lies behind the crash in which Vice Air-Marshals Vesey Holt and Lieut. Moody were killed. A squadron of eight single-seater fighters had been ordered to act as an escort to Holt's plane for a few miles and give the usual Air Force salute when they parted. The squadron dipped in salute when the Moth was at a height of 1,500 feet, and one of the fighters lightly collided with Holt's plane, which developed a spin and crashed.—Reuter.

Port Darwin, To-day.

Commodore Kingsford Smith took off for Koepang to-day to pick up the City of Cairo air mails.—Reuter.

Hankow, To-day.

The Misses Nordlund and Nelson have been released, according to a telegram, which does not mention Mr. Anderson. The captors were demanding \$120,000, but presumably released the women as being a hindrance. It is reported that Holmgren is being pressed by Government troops.—Reuter.

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The uncanny sounds were heard first on the approach spans. They were first attributed to the siren of a vessel passing underneath the arch, but the persistence of the sounds soon attracted closer attention. Engineers were informed, and tried to explain the phenomenon.

Several theories were advanced and quickly rejected. It was suggested that riveting machines were reacting upon certain steel members, causing them to take up vibrations in sympathy, in the manner of a tuning-fork. This was soon discounted, for the sounds came on as strongly as ever when there were no riveters at work.

Gusts of Wind Blamed.

It was then suggested that gusts of wind were responsible. On the roadway section there are several vertical pipes for drainage, and it was thought that under the wind's influence they were acting like the pipes of an organ. The recurrence of the sound on a perfectly still day exploded this theory.

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